



SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities



Advertisement of Vacancies on the Riverbanks Park Commission






Pet of the Week: Milley Ann

# City Connection

**COLUMBIA TOWN HALL**

**#ONECITY**

A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION  
ON FERGUSON, JUSTICE AND OUR FUTURE

SEPT. 2 | EAU CLAIRE HS AUDITORIUM | 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

## MAYOR BENJAMIN TO HOST FERGUSON TOWN HALL WITH COLUMBIA YOUTH

Mayor Steve Benjamin will host a town hall meeting with local youth to discuss the recent events in Ferguson, Missouri on Tuesday, September 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Eau Claire High School Auditorium (4800 Monticello Rd.). The event is co-sponsored by the Community Relations Council and will feature representatives from across Columbia including local law enforcement, educators and community leaders in addition to Mayor Benjamin and Richland County School District One Chairman Rev. Aaron Bishop.

“So much of what we see and hear on the news especially coming out of Ferguson is framed in terms of ‘Us against Them’ when really it’s ‘Us against Us’,” says Mayor Benjamin. “That’s the conversation we’re trying to promote here in Columbia recognizing that the challenges we face are shared and the only way we can move past them is by doing it together.”

For more information, contact Michael Wukela at 803-413-5052.

# City Talk

**Tune in to City Talk today on WGCV 620 AM  
from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. to hear:**



**5:00 p.m.– 5:20 p.m.**

**Guest:** Tina Herbert, Executive Director, Office of Business Opportunities

**Topic:** Main Street Loan Program

**5:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.**

**Guest:** Jada L. Hubbard, Wellness Manager, Drew Wellness Center

**Topic:** Activities at Drew Wellness

**5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Guest:** Matthew Jenkins, Metro Region Officer, Columbia Police Department

**Topic:** CPD's Citizens Police Academy

**For more information about today's topics, contact the  
Public Relations Department at 803-545-3020.**



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# The Week Ahead

## **SCE&G TO PERFORM TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES AS SCHEDULED FOR 2014**

SCE&G will perform tree trimming activities along overhead utility lines in the following neighborhoods for the next two weeks:

- **North Columbia Civic Club (Greenview)**
- **Hampton Ridge**

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored on a daily basis by the City's 4 Certified Arborists from the Forestry and Beautification Division.

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service.

SCE&G reports an 89 percent improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit [www.sceg.com/treetrimming](http://www.sceg.com/treetrimming).

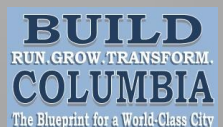
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## **ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES ON THE RIVERBANKS PARK COMMISSION**

The City of Columbia is accepting applications to fill one vacancy on the Riverbanks Park Commission. The purpose of this commission is to establish and operate "public recreation and zoo facilities" including any botanical garden and aquarium established as a part of the zoological park. All applicants must reside within Columbia city limits.

For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to [cflucius@columbiasc.net](mailto:cflucius@columbiasc.net). You can also visit our website at <http://www.columbiasc.net/boards-commissions> to download an application.

**Deadline – Applications are due no later than September 12, 2014, 5 p.m.**



## PARK OF THE WEEK: HYATT PARK

Hyatt Park is located on Jackson Avenue across the street from the Eau Claire Town Hall. The park has plenty of grassy areas and picnic tables for guests to sit and enjoy the outdoors.

The park also features a small stream, a playground area, baseball diamonds and basketball courts. The Leroy Moss Community Center houses a full-size gymnasium that can be used for a variety of activities including athletics, exercise programs and special events.

The center also offers access to computers with Internet access; a game room with pool tables, air hockey, table tennis and foosball; and a full-size kitchen. The community center is open from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 2 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sundays.



Hyatt Park is also home to an educational and community garden. Community members can participate in this city-wide gardening program designed to give citizens the opportunity to grow their own fruits, vegetables and flowers. The educational garden is a great way to teach youth about the importance of healthy eating and is a chance for them to learn how to grow their own food.

For more information about the community gardening and to lease a plot, please contact Jacqueline Williams, Community Garden Coordinator at 803-545-3957 or [jjwilliams@columbiasc.net](mailto:jjwilliams@columbiasc.net).

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### PET OF THE WEEK: MEET MILLEY ANN! (ID#A205501)

Milley Ann is a one-year-old Lab-Shepherd mix. She's very watchful and super gentle, which makes her an excellent family dog. Milly Ann is spayed, microchipped and ready to take home today! Come by and visit her!

Visit other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit [www.columbiasc.net/animal-services](http://www.columbiasc.net/animal-services) or call 803-776-PETS for more information.



All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

### PET TIP

Is your pet experiencing separation anxiety now that the kids are back in school? For severe separation anxiety, place the t-shirt your child slept in the night before in your pet's bed and/or kennel. This will make him feel like his best friend is there with him during the school day.



# Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

## **COLUMBIA BAROQUE CONCERT “BACH FEST”**

Celebrate the genius of J.S Bach with Brandenburg Concertos 4 and 6, plus a Harpsichord Concerto by G.F. Handel and a Recorder Concerto by Giuseppe Sammartini.

**USC School of Music Recital Hall**

**813 Assembly St. Columbia, SC 29208**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Cost: \$15 tickets in advance; \$20 at the door;**

**Students free with ID**

**Phone: (803) 727-8555**

**Website: <http://www.onecolumbiasc.com/event/detail/441867486/>**

*Columbia Baroque*



## **NORTH COLUMBIA FOOD PARK**



The North Columbia Food Park is a community farmers' market that aims to provide the citizens of North Columbia and surrounding access to fresh fruits, plants and vegetables. Simply put, it is a “Fun Place to have a Healthy, Good Time”! The food park is now open on Fridays and Saturdays.

**2720 North Main Street**

**Time: 4:00-8:00 PM**

**Cost: Free Entry (cost of produce vary based on vendor)**

**[www.foodparkofcolumbia.com](http://www.foodparkofcolumbia.com)**

**Contact: 803-556-5428**



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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

## **SODA CITY MARKET**



Come by for the season's best produce, meat, dairy, flowers and baked items from farmers, bakers, gardeners and artisans in Columbia!

### **Soda City Market**

**1500 block of Main Street**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.**

**Cost: FREE**

**(Free entry, but prices vary for each vendor)**

**[www.Sodascitysc.com](http://www.Sodascitysc.com)**

**Contact: 803-269-3241**

## **CAROLINA WOMEN FOR CHANGE & EMPOWERMENT**



Carolina Women for Change & Empowerment is hosting its 1st Annual Ladies' Tea in September. We would love for you to join us! We encourage everyone to get dainty and dapper in their sundresses and sun hats as we enjoy a lesson on Formal Tea Etiquette!

This event isn't just for mothers and daughters and we want to highlight those special women who have taken the time to mentor other younger girls. So please feel free to bring any other young girl you think will enjoy this event!

### **Cecil Tillis Center**

**2111 Simpkins Ln, Columbia, SC 29204**

**Time: 11am- 2pm**

**Cost: 1 Adult and 1 Girl - \$15.00, 1 Additional Girl - \$5.00**

**Phone: 803-736-6215**

**SC UNEARTHED**



South Carolina Unearthed, the South Carolina State Museum's new temporary natural history exhibit, showcases a variety of specimens from the museum's extensive and nationally-known collection of animals that once inhabited South Carolina. The exhibit will feature a wide array of fossil animals like the American lion, long-nosed crocodile and saber-toothed cat, along with many other ancient beasts. South Carolina Unearthedis included with museum general admission or membership. Visit [scmuseum.org/exhibits](http://scmuseum.org/exhibits) to learn more.

**South Carolina State Museum**

**301 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201**

**Times: Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-5**

**Phone: 803-898-4946**

**Website: [http://scmuseum.org/explore/exhibits/  
changing-exhibits/south-carolina-unearthed/](http://scmuseum.org/explore/exhibits/changing-exhibits/south-carolina-unearthed/)**

**AN EVENING OF BLUES AND JAZZ**

Skipp Pearson Jazz Foundation in partnership with the newly organized Southern Roots Music Foundation will present a very special music program in celebration of the life and work of Drink Small, the official Doctor of Blues Music, and Skipp Pearson, the official ambassador of Jazz Music. This project entitled Crosspollination... an Evening of Blues and Jazz covers seventy years of music and offers the amazing talents and expertise of two living legends. Admission proceeds to this "once in a life time" music event will provide financial assistance to both artists as they continue to face medical challenges.

**Le Café Jazz**

**930 Laurel St., Columbia, SC, 29201**

**Time: 7 pm**

**Cost: \$35**

**Phone: 803-400-1879**

**Website: <http://www.skpfoundation.org/>**



# Mark Your Calendars: Economic Development Luncheon



## Economic Development *Luncheon*

Hosted by Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin, City of Columbia

**September 12, 2014**

**8:30am Registration**

**9:00am - 2:00pm Workshops & Luncheon**

**Luncheon Guest Speaker:  
Bob Hughes of Hughes Development**

**Michael's Café and Catering  
The Hampton Room  
1620 Main Street Columbia, SC**

**Tickets - \$50**

Tickets available for purchase at

**NCBA, 1013 Duke Avenue**

**First Citizens Bank**

**1230 Main Street  
2621 Main Street**

**RSVP: 803-786-7232**

**NCBA**  
NORTH COLUMBIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

[www.northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com](http://www.northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com)



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# Memorial Service

SAVE THE DATE

9/11/2014

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center at 4:30 p.m.



Please plan to join us for the  
9/11 Annual Evening of Remembrance at the  
South Carolina Midlands First Responders Remembrance Memorial  
adjacent to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.  
Major General Gill Beck, 81st Regional Support Command  
will provide the keynote address.

*Formal invitation to follow in two weeks.*

[www.scremembers911.com](http://www.scremembers911.com)



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# Save the Date: Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

## SAVE THE DATE Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

Saturday, September 20, 2014

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Field Games  
Celebrity Flag Football ✓  
3K Race ✓

Drew Park/Green Space  
(Adjacent to Drew Wellness Center)  
2101 Walker Solomon Way  
Columbia, SC 29204

Scavenger Hunt ✓  
Entertainment ✓  
Free to the Public ✓

Nonprofit health and wellness organizations can register for a free table.



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For more information, please contact Wanda Austin at 803-255-8161 or [weaustin@columbiasc.net](mailto:weaustin@columbiasc.net).

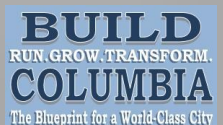


# Save the Date: Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence



**TO REGISTER, VISIT:**

**[HTTP://COLUMBIASC.NET/HEADLINES/071020141557-MAYORS-WALK-AGAINST-DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE](http://columbiasc.net/headlines/071020141557-mayors-walk-against-domestic-violence)**



# Meetings

- The Public Safety Committee will meet Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 11 a.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.

**For additional information regarding committee meetings,  
contact the Office of the City Clerk at 803-545-3045.**



# City Media

[www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net)



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